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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 23rd, 1893.

The Sanitary Board at its meeting on Thursday had under discussion the expediency of flushing the drains with sea water. The small rising from the drains are abundant and something ought certainly to be done. The idea of flushing with sea water had been suggested to the Governor and the opinion of the Board was requested upon it. The Secretary of the Board in his minute stated that he had suggested the same thing to Mr. Cooper, who said that the drainage system was under the Public Works Department and in no way concerned the Sanitary Board, and in the course of the conversation made the remark, "Oh, if you pay attention to public opinion you will have your hands full." The Colonial Surgeon forthwith impugned Mr. Rennie's veracity, and he did not believe that Mr. Cooper ever said anything of the kind, and that a subordinate had no right to put such remarks on a circulating letter to the Board. We see no reason, however, to doubt the correctness of Mr. Rennie's version of the conversation, for the communications remark about public opinion is just such a one as Mr. Cooper might be expected to make in private conversation, though to doubt he would have kept a better guard on his tongue had he thought his words were to be made public. Whether Mr. Rennie was justified in repeating the conversation in an official document is another matter, which it is unnecessary to discuss, but that the conversation did actually take place must be regarded as established, on the evidence of Mr. Rennie, Mr. Cooper himself not being in the Colony to add or deny it, and his champion, Dr. Acheson, having no personal knowledge of the matter. The probability of the remark lends confirmation to Mr. Rennie's statement, for Mr. Cooper is generally believed to hold public opinion in great contempt. Leaving the personal question, however, we come to the really more important one of the state of the drains. The small complaint of a rise from the storm water drains, which ought always to be clean and sweet without requiring flushing. The Acting Director of Public Works says the remedy is to push on with the re-drainage of houses, connecting the new branch drains to the main sewers. That is, sewage ought not to be allowed to find its way into the storm water drains. But it was only the other day that the Board formally approved of the Daily Press, Co., Limited, running its sewage into the side channel, a decision which has considerably shocked public confidence in the sapience of that body. When we find the Sanitary Board authorizing

the discharge of sewage into the side channel, it seems hardly to expect any mitigation of the noxious nuisance the drains at present constitute. As to flushing with sea water, the experiment was tried once, many years ago, and the result was not such as to suggest any repetition of it. This is perhaps due to the fact that the water was drawn from the harbour at an unfavourable state of the tide and was itself foul and smelly. Even clean salt water, however, may not be unobjectionable for Mr. Rennie says the use of sea water for flushing drains in tropical countries has been found to be a cause of malarial type. We have heard the same opinion expressed with regard to the use of salt water for watering the streets, and possibly some of the fever prevalent in this Colony may be due to that cause. As to flushing the drains with salt water pumped up by the fire engines, the Director of Public Works points out the great interruption of traffic that this would cause, as the hose would have to cross the main thoroughfares, and this consideration alone seems fatal to the scheme. The Board, however, without expressing any opinion on the proposals made, say they see no objection to the experiment being tried, and the Government is therefore left to make up its mind without any assistance from that body. We would venture to suggest that as a preliminary step it would be advisable to inquire whether the small complaint of a rise from the interior of the drains themselves, or from the pits at the gully, or from our readers, who may have been put late at night have probably seen Government coolies with their buckets emptying these pits, and have observed how very foul and offensive the liquid is. They have probably also been under the impression that the water was used in some way in the trapping of the drain, but this, we have been given to understand, is a mistake, that the pits are merely a copy of one of the features of a home drainage scheme, and that in connection with our local system they serve no useful purpose whatever, but are simply equivalent to so many open cesspools dotted over the town.

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LATEST TELEGRAMS.

LORD GEORGE HAMILTON'S MOTION DEFEATED.

LONDON, 20th December.
The House of Commons rejected Lord George Hamilton's motion regarding the increase of the Navy and demanding a statement from the Government of its intentions before Christmas, and unanimously adopted Mr. Gladstone's amendment that the House relies on the Ministers to submit for its consideration definite proposals in due time.

THE EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY BILL.
By a majority of thirty-four the House of Commons has rejected the amendment of the Lords to withdraw the Contract clause from the Employers' Liability Bill.

SETTLEMENT OF THE MELLILLA AFFAIR.
MADRID, 19th December.
There is every reason to believe that the Mellilla question will end in the conclusion of an honorable and secure peace.

MADRID, 18th December.
The withdrawal of the troops has commenced. The Moors are permitted to trade in the neutral ground.

SUPREME COURT.

22nd December.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Libraries, and also considering the amount of a staff of 100, it is expected that the Grand Duke Nicholas, the Grand Duke, will visit Paris in the hope of securing his success.

THE IMPERIAL FEDERATION LEAGUE.
LONDON, 25th November.
The Government was further questioned in the House of Commons last night as to the progress of the Imperial Federation League. Mr. Gladstone, in reply, stated that the construction of additional warships would be entered upon shortly. It was the intention of Her Majesty's Government to maintain the relative naval strength of Great Britain as compared with the other Powers.

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The Imperial Federation League has been dissolved, on the ground that the objects for which it was formed have been attained.

THE MARQUESS OF DUBLIN.
LONDON, 25th November.
The Marquis of Dublin has been created a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter (K.G.).

THE KATSE BLOCKED.
LONDON, 26th November.
During a recent visit by the Emperor William of Germany to Kiel, town on the Baltic, a line of coast was narrowly prevented, the line being blocked by ice.

ACTION BY AN ACTRESS'S HUSBAND.
LONDON, 24th November.
Mr. Leigh, a young member of an aristocratic family, who married a member of the Gaiety Theatre Company, and having left her, visited Australia, is the plaintiff in a prosecution which is exciting considerable attention.

MURDER AND DYNAMITE IN DUBLIN.
LONDON, 24th November.
A brutal and sensational murder has just been perpetrated in Dublin under circumstances that lead to it a certain amount of political significance. Ever since the recent dynamite outrages in the Irish capital the police have been on the alert to detect any crime of the kind.

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Mr. Leigh, a young member of an aristocratic family, who married a member of the Gaiety Theatre Company, and having left her, visited Australia, is the plaintiff in a prosecution which is exciting considerable attention.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.)

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."
Dear Sir,—I am sorry to hear that the enclosed letter, which I have just received from Mr. Thos. O'Neil, the manager in charge of the property at Mount Macdonald. The rumors in the papers have been added by me for the better understanding of the public.

CARL GEORG, Liquidator.
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd., in Liquidation.
Hongkong, 22nd December.

Yokohama.
Dear Sir,—Just a few lines to let you know everything is going on right here.
The Blue (G.M. 100) is turned out almost one ounce to the ton, 22 to 23 dwt. (known already by telegram); the rest still looks well and is about 2 feet wide; the tributors will have another crushing before Christmas when I will try to get the results. The wind is now overland to Port Darwin; no doubt arrive by next steamer.

Each tributor has not a crushing since you left, the machine has not been used since you left. The Blue (G.M. 100) is turned out almost one ounce to the ton, 22 to 23 dwt. (known already by telegram); the rest still looks well and is about 2 feet wide; the tributors will have another crushing before Christmas when I will try to get the results. The wind is now overland to Port Darwin; no doubt arrive by next steamer.

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams are from Australia:

THE M. M. COMPANY.
LONDON, 23rd November.
The manager in London of the Messageries Maritimes Company has been interviewed with regard to the reported alteration of the route of that line of steamers through the Straits to Brisbane, thence to San Francisco via Noumea, Honolulu, and San Francisco.

He states that he has received no notification of any intended change, and he does not believe that the company proposes to make the indicated alteration in the route. He states, however, that arrangements may be made to enable the company's steamers to call at Brisbane after leaving Sydney.

A DRAMATIC DIVORCE CASE.

LONDON, 22nd November.
Edith Chester, the actress, recently obtained a divorce from her husband on the ground of his adultery. It has since transpired that after the divorce had been granted, the actress had entertained a party of friends at dinner at the Criterion Restaurant. It is also alleged that they have been cabined. The Queen's Proctor has in consequence intervened, and is charging the parties to the divorce with collusion.

LONDON, 25th November.
The Queen's Proctor, who intervened in divorce proceedings on the ground that Edith Chester, the actress, had obtained a divorce from her husband, has announced his intention to prove that she committed adultery. Edith Chester professes indignation at the action of the Queen's Proctor.

THE B.M. "MILWAUKEE."
LONDON, 24th November.
News has reached San Francisco of the successful sailing of the B.M. "Milwaukee," the Canadian-Australian line, which went ashore at the entrance to Honolulu Harbor on October 2.

The vessel is now undergoing repairs at Honolulu, and when these are completed she will resume her voyage to San Francisco. The vessel's engines on examination were found to be perfectly sound and undamaged.

THE MANCHESTER HANDICAP.
LONDON, 24th November.
Following is the result of the Manchester Handicap of 21,375, a mile and three-quarters, which was run at the Manchester Racecourse on Friday.

1. Colonel North's b. S. Simona, 5 yrs. by Sir Simon-Graeme.
2. Date of Bonanza's ch. c. Simona, 5 yrs. by Sir Simon-Graeme.
3. By Petrol-Thorn.

THE ALLIANCE ESTATE.
LONDON, 24th November.
The creditors of the Alliance Estate, who have been investigating its estate and financial transactions, have discovered that a sum of £18,000 was advanced to the Marquis by Mr. St. John, who received interest at the rate of 10 per cent.

AUSTRALIAN BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPTS.
BOLDERS ASKING FOR.
LONDON, 24th November.
Mr. G. D. Mead, a leading member of the London Stock Exchange, reports that Australian bank deposit receipts are scarce, and holders are asking for. There are few offers at a discount.

THE AUSTRIAN ARMY.
LONDON, 24th November.
From Vienna it is reported that the Austrian military authorities are forming 42 new regiments of artillery. When these regiments are completed the strength of the Austrian artillery will eclipse that of any other European Power.

THE GERMAN FRONTIER.
LONDON, 24th November.
The newest types of artillery are being supplied to the soldiers at the German frontier camp recently formed on the Belgian frontier and which is to be utilized as a central station for the movement of troops and the transport of the German army being mobilized.

THE EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY BILL.
LONDON, 25th November.
A deputation, consisting of 25,000 skilled workmen, waited upon Lord Salisbury to protest against the clause in the Employers' Liability Bill prohibiting workmen from contracting themselves out of the provisions of the bill.

THE AMERICAN TARIFF.
LONDON, 24th November.
The New York Herald states that the proposed new tariff of the United States will exempt woollen, hemp, copper, and black tin.

THE MILITARY IN SPAIN.
LONDON, 25th November.
The military arrangements in Spain are reported to be disorganised. There are no signs of any military operations, and the troops are reported to be proceeding to Morocco to reinforce the Spanish garrison at Melilla.

A RUSSIAN LOAN—PROBABLE VISIT OF THE Czar.
LONDON, 25th November.
The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily News states that Russia intends to issue a loan in Paris in February.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.
FRIDAY, 22nd December.
CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
HONGKONG.

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INTIMATION.
JAPAN WATCH CO.,
LIMITED.

REGISTERED IN HONGKONG AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

CAPITAL—£1,000,000.
Divided into 40,000 Shares of £25 Each.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES:
\$5 per Share on Application;
\$10 per Share on Allotment;
\$10 per Share on or about 31st January, 1894.

DIRECTORS:
EDWARD WHITTALL,
J. D. HANBURY,
A. H. BUTLER,
HENRY CHARLES LITCHFIELD,
P. H. WHEELER.

BANKERS:
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

LEGAL ADVISER:
HENRY CHARLES LITCHFIELD.

OFFICES:
HONGKONG AND YOKOHAMA.

THE object of the Company is to form and maintain a factory in Yokohama for the manufacture of watches of all kinds and descriptions.

For this purpose it is proposed to purchase a site within the limits of the Foreign Settlement of Yokohama and thereon to erect the Factory.

The founders of the Company are possessed of a plant of machinery complete in every particular of the most recent design, and the finest workmanship, and adapted for the making of all implements used in the watch trade, as well as the making of watches. It is well known that machinery has effected a complete revolution in the watch trade, and it is confidently expected that by availing itself of the comparatively cheap labour of this country this Company will be able to supply the trade in all parts of the world with an article which for excellence of workmanship and cheapness of price will defy competition.

Mr. P. H. Wheeler, the Superintendent of the Company, has been for many years engaged in developing watch making machinery, and the testimonials from his former employers testify to his business ability, skill, and integrity. The machinery of which the founders are possessed has been perfected under his superintendence, and a considerable part thereof is of his invention.

Besides the machinery the founders possess of ten thousand watches in various stages of completion which are the out-turn of the said machinery, and material on hand sufficient to turn out about twenty-five thousand more. It will thus be seen that it is not an article which the founders have acquired, but one which has already given proof of its excellence. It was only the advantage of obtaining a cheaper labour market than can be found in the United States that has induced them to work the business in Japan.

It is an established fact that the principal factories in the United States in 1890 years paid 300 per cent. dividend on a capital of Six Million Dollars; and that was done on a wage basis of \$1.50 (gold) per operative, the factories employing six thousand hands. If the difference in the rate of labour in this country is taken into consideration the operations of the Company will be assured to realize to the full the expectations of the founders. The profits of watch making are based entirely on the price of labour.

It is not in the labour market only that an advantage will be obtained. Coal and other materials can be purchased in this country at a lower rate than in the United States. And besides all these advantages, which are great there is one of still greater importance, the knowledge to be obtained of the requirements of the local trade of the trade for China, and that of "The Straits" and India. The Company will be capable of supplying a watch of the best workmanship to the population of those large and important countries at a price far below any watch of like character that has ever been offered to those markets.

Taking into consideration these advantages the founders confidently expect to pay a dividend of at least 10 per cent. per annum on the first two years' work and thereafter dividends at a much higher rate.

The Company has been registered in Hongkong as a Limited Company.

The founders take and acquire 30,000 shares of the stock of the Company in payment for the machinery, plant, and stock and their labour and experience in preparing and promoting the machinery and stock.

Ten thousand shares of twenty-five yen each are offered for subscription.

